

Correction

In last week's "Jet 48" the staff misspelled Lt. Col. George Horsley's name in the officer promotion listing. Horsley, 48th Dental Squadron, was selected for promotion to colonel.

Wangford gate opens to ease Douglas Avenue congestion

The Wangford Gate is open for military members between 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. to ease traffic congestion due to construction at the Douglas Avenue and Yarmouth Road roundabout (near Brandon Gate). Traffic access on Douglas Avenue is limited to one way in from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. and one way out from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. For more information, call Ext. 1918.

New cardigan available at military clothing sales store

The new Air Force uniform accompaniment, the cardigan sweater, is available at military clothing sales.

The store currently has all sizes except 42 long, 44 long and 46 regular.

Anyone may wear the sweater. It is long-sleeved and designed to be worn with cuffed or uncuffed sleeves. It is 50 percent acrylic, 50 percent non-irritation wool and is machine washable.

The following rules apply when wearing the sweater:

- ☐ The collar of the shirt or blouse worn underneath may be inside or outside the sweater.

- ☐ The sweater will not be exposed when wearing another outer garment.

- ☐ The sweater may be worn with or without a tie or tab, indoors or outdoors.

- ☐ The sweater may be buttoned or unbuttoned indoors, but it must be buttoned if worn outdoors. When buttoned, it will be completely buttoned.

- ☐ The sweater may be worn with all blue service uniforms, including maternity garments.

- ☐ The sweater will not be worn by hospital and food service people in lieu of the white cardigan sweater.

- ☐ Officers and senior NCOs will wear the shoulder mark insignia. All other enlisted members will wear the metal rank insignia. It should be centered horizontally on the epaulet with the bottom one inch from the shoulder seam.

- ☐ The sweater, when buttoned, should not pull between the buttons. The epaulets should fit properly, not extending past the shoulder, and the sweater length should be four to seven inches below the waist.

Recent thefts show importance of keeping an eye on cars

Four vehicles were stolen from military members between Dec. 25 and Jan. 28.

"There doesn't seem to be a pattern at this time," said SrA. Regina Wilson, crime prevention manager. "But, four reported car thefts within a month is three times larger than the number reported to Lakenheath over a normal three-months period."

To keep vehicles safe, people should keep these tips in mind.

- ☐ Park in well-lit areas where possible.

- ☐ Always lock all doors and windows.

- ☐ Use vehicle immobilizers to serve as deterrents. These include steering-wheel locks and gearshift locks.

- ☐ When possible, park vehicles where you can see them.

- ☐ Never attach a tag with name and address to key rings. If they are lost or stolen, the tag can lead thieves directly to cars and homes.

- ☐ Whenever possible, turn wheels sharply toward the curb when parking. This makes it harder for thieves to tow cars.

- ☐ Never leave documents such as title or ownership, original insurance policy or others in cars. This makes it easy for a thief to sell the car.

Approximately 300,000 cars are stolen every year in this country, according to the Suffolk Constabulary. Most are taken by joyriders, but some are taken by professional thieves.

A neighborhood watch program can help people deter car theft. People interested in beginning a program can attend a meeting at 7 p.m. Feb. 11 in the Newmarket community center. For more information about the program or on vehicle safety, call Wilson at Ext. 1424.

Airman retraining program available to first-termers

The fiscal year 1998 first-term airman retraining program has been released. Once airman who have a DEROS between October 1997 and September 1998 have at least 36 months time in service for four-year enlistees, or have 60 months time in service for six year enlistees, are eligible to apply. For more information, call the military personnel flight at Ext. 2434.

Liberty Warrior

"Can do" person of the week



Photo by SrA. Sarah Franco

SSgt. Alrick Arthur

48th Mission Support Squadron

Hometown: South Bronx, N.Y.

Time in service: 10 years six months

Time on station: 16 months

Role in mission: As NCO in charge of the 48th Fighter Wing command section administration and aid to the senior enlisted advisor, I track and handle all administrative correspondence and set up briefings for the wing leadership. I also have a role in our recognition, promotion and induction programs and ceremonies.

Hobbies: Drawing cartoons, lifting weights and karate.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years? Still in the military, doing my thing.

What do you like most about Britain? Britain – and Europe as a whole – I see it as more open and relaxed from what I'm used to.

What is your greatest achievement? Getting my black belt in karate five years ago.

Why did you join the Air Force?

The answer should be to serve my country and what it stands for, but selfishly at that time it seemed like the best choice over college and staying in the concrete jungle.

Who is your role model and why?

My best friend of 10 years, MSgt. Jeff Lane, who's at Hickam AFB, Hawaii, right now. He's the most "complete" person I've ever known, who has excelled in all areas of his life.

Did You Know?

- ☐ If people don't have their shot records when they report to the deployment processing line, they may have to take all shots required for the area they're deploying to. (For more information, call Ext. 1845).

- ☐ Effective with the current technical sergeant and master sergeant cycles, people testing PFE only will have their PFE score count twice, giving them the same possible max points of 460 as those testing PFE and SKT.